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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA Relocates Jackson Disaster Loan Outreach Center

Sacramento, CA – Dennis Melton, Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) St. Louis District Office, announced today that SBA is moving its Jackson Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Cape Girardeau County. "The center, which has been located at Parkside Square, the Main Street Lanes Shopping Center, will move to the **Jackson Fire and Rescue Administration Building, 503 South Hope Street, in Jackson, on Monday, May 5,"** said Melton.

"Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from the severe storms and flooding that began on March 17 can continue to speak with SBA representatives **Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.** SBA representatives are available to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application. No appointment is necessary," Melton continued.

"So far, SBA has approved over \$4.1 million for Missouri residents and businesses affected by this disaster," said Melton. Individuals and business owners who sustained damages are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling the tele-registration number at (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired, prior to the May 27, 2008 deadline. "Don't miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help," he added.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Businesses of any size and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help homeowners and business owners with the cost of making improvements that prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit SBA at the center may call toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **May 27, 2008.** The EIDL application deadline is **December 23, 2008.**

For more information visit SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance>

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